

Daily Eagle

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FOR 1886-87.

With the compliments of Hon. Wm. Sims, secretary of the state board of agriculture, the report for the two years past lies on our table. It is a splendid volume filled with entertaining matter, fine maps, beautiful diagrams, etc. It is a complete industrial history of the state for the two years named, by counties. It is a large volume of over two hundred pages, neatly bound and is replete with valuable information concerning the farm, live stock and other products of the state, its natural resources, increase of population, etc. The work abounds in statistical tables and maps of comparison, by which the relative growth and population of counties and the larger towns may be ascertained at a glance. A separate map is given for each county in the state, together with a brief description of its principal features. The report has evidently been prepared with much care, and, besides being a valuable reference book, is one of the best advertisements the state could have.

ENVIOUS MOSSBACKS.

Newspapers in many localities in the east are endeavoring, by throwing cold water, to discourage their people from coming to Wichita. The most fruitful predictions are made, and the biggest possible lies floated to our prejudice. Of course it all advertises Wichita. A Seymour, Indiana, paper reached us yesterday, containing several squibs and hits. Here is a pretty typical pickle from the Vincennes Daily Commercial:

A lady teacher in one of our schools. Announced a prize for an essay on "Toads." A precocious kid, with hand upraised. This spoke as the teacher stood amazed: "The biggest toad I ever saw. Invested their money in Wichita."

The boy was chastised, as the teacher chanced to be the daughter of a speculator. According to Father Eskridge, the general editor of the Wichita Eagle would be better occupied in giving his time to "pondering over the abstruse problem of whether God made him or he made God." And, according to the best principles of Christian forgiveness, the editors of Kansas should settle down on a quiet basis of brotherly love, and devote their attention to their respective booms.—K. C. Times.

That's what we thought, but Father Eskridge "ain't got no boom" worthy even Father Eskridge's attention; nevertheless he is full of brotherly love and we forgive him.

"Turn the rascals out" was the war cry of the Democracy under their mugwump candidate. They have bettered the matter or else not by turning incompetents in, especially into the mail service. The Cleveland administration is putting on a mail train for certain cities, but if they would pay some attention to the slow mail trains of Kansas they would oblige a goodly number of people who will never be so foolish as to again vote for mugwumpism.

The problem which has been worrying us for some days, is, does the Atchison Champion set up the word boom every time it occurs in its columns, or is it cast and kept in large, convenient boxes as a logotype?

Dr. Talmage lectures on "Big Blunders in Topeka" next Tuesday.—Topeka Journal.

The old man has undertaken a big job if he proposes to cover the entire lot in a single lecture.

In bank clearings Wichita led eleven cities of the continent last week ranking next to Columbus, Ohio.

PRATT BOOMING.

To the Editor of the Daily Eagle. We understand that Pratt Center is enjoying a good, healthy boom, and furthermore we can't see what is to hinder Pratt from growing to be a city of some six or eight thousand inhabitants. It has the location, the water, the dirt to manufacture brick; it has the railroad advantages, and the Rock Island people are going to do more work in Pratt county in the next sixty days than the people in their own neighborhood had any idea of.

It is rumored that the Rock Island will build a branch into the Territory and the supposition is that it will build out from Pratt.

Colonel H. W. Lewis, president of the Kansas National Bank in this city was out last week and organized the First National bank at Pratt. The bank will start with almost three hundred thousand dollars capital.

An artificial fuel company have put in a plant and is now in operation. They employ twenty men.

Mayor T. E. Simpson we are told is putting up a fine brick hotel building which is to be four stories high and when completed will cost something over fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Simpson seems to have a knowledge of what the future has in store for Pratt and her enterprising people.

The people of Pratt are in receipt of their electric light machinery and are now busy putting up the wires; consequently the city will be lighted by electricity inside of ten days.

There are twenty brick buildings under contract, some of which are in course of construction. That is what makes a young town boom up, is the amount of brick buildings which are built by the citizens of the place.

The Rock Island people have purchased 80 acres of ground in the northeast part of the city where they are building their machine shops and round house.

Just how good the people of Pratt will feel when the Rock Island get to running their immense trains through, they can't yet tell.

From some cause or other real estate is advancing wonderfully in Pratt; therefore we suppose the good people out there don't see anything so terrible wonderful about it, as they say they have everything to merit a wonderful growth this summer. May she grow and prosper, as the location is such that there should be a good city there in the near future.

Written for the Daily Eagle.

BIP VAN WINKLE OF WICHITA.

Once upon a summer's day I took a short, delightful ride, Which brought me to the park called River-side; Arriving there I made my driver go. I wandered on alone until I reached a shady tree. Then exclaimed, here will I rest most certainly; Here will I wait until it grows late, Here will I be troubled no more by agents selling real estate.

While lying there I dreamed a dream, That I had slept full twenty years, I wakened, And then awoke in the year nineteen hundred and seven; The time of day I think was eleven. I arose and walked into the town; I wandered down the street, But low I saw men whom there I did meet, Lifted up their voices crying: "Our homes are left unto us desolate."

Our women no longer reign there; Alas! they wear pantaloons and short hair; They rule the city, they rule the state, Sad! oh, sad! is our fate. "And who must we blame For all this confusion? Alas! it was the fault of the legislature in eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, And now all men have come to the same conclusion. And again they lifted up their voices Crying: "Our homes are left unto us desolate." Then cursed the city and cursed the state, And cursed the legislature of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

CLARA H.

THE W. C. V. & S. E. R. R.

On Tuesday last the bond proposition to take a stock in the Wichita, Cedar Vale & Southeastern railroad carried in Gypsum township, Sedgewick county, by a majority of 46. This completes the franchise along the line from Wichita to Douglas. The surveyors are on the route locating the line. The right of way has been secured over a good portion of the road. These are solid facts and mean a great deal more for Douglas than we have space here to speak about.—Douglas Tribune.

THE ROCK ISLAND WORK.

The Rock Island track is now laid almost to Paxico, and is progressing at the rate of a mile and a half per day. The machine is in charge of Mr. Gregory, who is pushing it with characteristic energy. Last Friday it reached Maple Hill, and did the largest work since it left Topeka by putting down 8,500 feet of track in good shape. Two trains are constantly employed, one to work the machine and one to carry supplies from Topeka. As soon as Alma is reached a second supply train will be used. The telegraph force is but a few miles behind the track layers. The depot at Minneapolis is nearly completed. The lumber is on the ground for the depot at Maple Hill which will be put up in a short time and will be the finest between Topeka and Herrington. This road is only opening up a magnificent country, whose only want has been railroad facilities. It now throbs with the impulses of new life and joins in the universal boom.—Capital.

REPLY TO MRS. GOUGAR.

To the Editor of the Daily Eagle. CAWKEE CITY, Kan., March 13.—Permit me to say to Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, whose open letter you recently published, that I have read her address urging Kansas women to make immediate use of the great privilege she and a few mugwumps at Topeka saw fit to confer upon us without our request or consent.

But the women of Kansas would speak with you, Mrs. Gougar. Let us assure you, Mrs. Gougar, we realize that a great responsibility rests upon some of the Kansas women, but only those who have exerted themselves so wonderfully to be allowed to exercise man's rights. The Kansas women as a whole did not ask for suffrage and never imagined for a moment that the representatives at Topeka would behave like so many 18 year old boys, or that the governor, whose paper has always opposed the so-called woman's suffrage movement, would meekly turn round and sign his name to a bill which he knew would not benefit the people of his state. But since the deed is done, rest assured that your bugle call will be answered as it deserves, and you might as well return to your native state and home and the work God intended for you, leaving the Kansas women to take care of their own interest and make known their wishes when necessary.

If "the good men who have believed in and trusted in us to assist them in bringing about much needed reforms" would listen to their own consciences instead of a few wandering women who are tramping over Kansas delivering lectures, it would have been better.

If these wandering apostles will go home and attend to home duties, their husbands and brothers will protect their interests and respect woman's wishes and women's rights.

Don't misunderstand us; we have heard your lecture, admired your command of language and address. We believe you to be a good woman, but we pity you and regretted sincerely that you misunderstood yourself to such an extent. May we not urge you, then, to discontinue your efforts in our behalf and cease to labor under the impression that we shall on the first Monday or Tuesday in April leave our home duties to "rally round the flag" at the polls.

O no, Mrs. Gougar, we are not educated up to that just yet, and shall prove the earnestness, the faithfulness of Kansas women, and honor womanhood, our homes and our state by fully performing our duty, viz., attending to our own affairs, while you and the men are busy at the polls.

MRS. R. W. SOMERS.

AN ELECTION LAW.

The following law, entitled "an act to prevent frauds at elections, and to provide punishment therefor," was passed during the recent session of the legislature, and published in the official state paper on the 11th inst. It is, therefore, now the law of the state. It will put an end to the fraud of printing tickets headed "Republican" or "Democratic," which are not what their heading indicates—that is, so-called "split tickets." Voters can, of course, scratch time and will be the first to do so, and write in its place the name of any other candidate, but the frauds and deceptions that have been practiced, during past years, by means of spurious printed tickets, are at an end. The law is as follows: "SECTION 1. When at any general or special election a ballot with a designated heading, contains printed or pasted thereon in place of another, a name not found on the regular ballot having such heading, such name shall be regarded by the judges as having been placed thereon for the purpose of fraud, and the ballot shall not be counted for the name so found, nor shall any person distribute tickets or remain standing within fifty feet of the polls during the hours that the polls are open.

SEC. 2. Any person printing or causing to be printed or pasted ballots with a designated heading containing a name or names not found on the regular ballot having such heading, or which omits any name found on such regular ticket, or any person knowingly peddling or distributing, or causing to be distributed, any such ballot with intent to have such ballot voted at any election, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, on each offense be fined in any

sum not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding sixty days.

SEC. 3. Whoever furnishes an elector who cannot read, with a ticket informing him that it contains a name different from those written or printed thereon, with the intention to induce him to vote contrary to his inclination, or fraudulently or deceitfully change the ballot of any elector by which such elector is prevented from voting for such candidate as he intended, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not exceeding ninety days or by fine not exceeding three hundred dollars.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official state paper.

Approved March 4, 1887.

HE HAS OUR SYMPATHY.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., March 14, '87.

To the Editor of the Eagle.

I second most heartily your editorial on woman suffrage. It was well received here by almost everyone I heard speak of it. I know of such instances as you mention of bulldozing and can vouch from personal knowledge for the truth of what you quote from Washington territory. The fellows here haven't the sand to say anything. The article sold a good many extra copies—double the amount could have been sold had they been on hand. Everyone wanted an EAGLE.

I am now writing at home, alone. My landlady is in attendance on a "ward meeting." We had a thin supper and may have a late breakfast tomorrow morning. I hope you will mention the matter again, and I doubt not that you will gain rather than lose. I don't give my views for any other purpose than my own satisfaction. I am almost an unknown man here and without any influence whatsoever, though I don't care for any notoriety.

Respectfully, etc.,

RESS DANIEL.

THE HOOSIER WHO GOT LEFT.

WICHITA, March 16, 1887.

To the Editor of the Eagle.

In the Kansas Daily State Journal of the 12th inst. there appeared on the editorial page an article headed "Two Pictures." In it was quoted a letter from Wichita to the Evansville, Ind., Daily Journal, written for the purpose of correcting some very erroneous if not malicious statements that had been printed in that paper concerning our city, and an extract from a letter written by an alleged bright young man from Vincennes, Ind., who had come here with considerable money of which he had been despoiled by the "sharks," and who was compelled to write home for funds, saying that he was in need of food and clothing, and what he particularly desired was to get enough to take him out of this "country of robbers." These two reproductions were accompanied by comments, presumably by the editor, but in which I can imagine that I recognize the fine Italian hand of W. W. Admire, Kansas correspondent of the St. Joseph Herald. The publication of the extract from the letter written by the bright young man from Vincennes is another discreditable attempt to show up our city in an unfavorable light. Such a thing may cause a few fools to look wise and a few doubting Thomases to wag their heads, but a man of ordinary intelligence can see at once that if such a letter was ever written it has emanated from some one of the noble army of bright young men who come west seeking "more worlds to conquer" and expecting to make an easy living by their wit, but who generally succeed in getting most beautifully "scooped in," no matter what town they strike, and as they are unable to earn a living when thrown upon their own resources, they are obliged to write home for help, and, as a matter of course, they charge all their misfortunes upon this wicked country, to which they have come looking for suckers and got taken in themselves. It is to be hoped that this "bright young man" has been enabled, through the generosity of his friends, to return to his Indiana home, where he will doubtless be a burden upon his friends the remainder of his days, or, else, become a pauper.

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